

**-REMARKS / ARGUMENTS-**

Claims 1-10, 12-15 and 25-41 are presently pending in this application. Claims 11 and 16-24 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 25-41 are new. Claim 25 is a new method claims which is supported at least by paragraph [0055]. Claim 26 is a new method claim that covers an embodiment that was previously listed as a limitation of claim 1. Claims 27-42 are claims directed to an optical connector assembly that correspond to the previous method claims.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-15 are amended to correct errors unrelated to novelty or obviousness or to broaden them.

No new matter is added by the present amendments.

The Office Action states that claims 1-15 (Group I) and claims 16-24 (Group II) are directed to distinct inventions. The Applicant hereby elects claim Group I and amends the claims accordingly.

The Application should now be in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Rolston, David Robert Cameron

By:

  
C. Marc BENOIT.

Registration No. 50,200

Patent agent

Tel. No. (514) 847-4462

Customer Number 020988

OGILVY RENAULT, LLP

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the  
Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

C. Marc BENOIT (Reg. No. 50,200)  
Name of person signing certification



Signature

4 Dec 2006

Date

Serial No. 10/625,905  
Response to Office Action of Oct. 4, 2005

Agent's Ref. 16005-1US  
Amdt. dated Jan. 4, 2006

- 10 -

PAGE 10/10 \* RCVD AT 1/4/2006 3:32:40 PM [Eastern Standard Time] \* SVR:USPTO-EFAX \* DNIS:2738300 \* CSID:514 286 5474 \* DURATION (mm-ss):02-12

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**